

Iowa Medical Cannabidiol Board  
Petition Subcommittee  
November 13, 2020

**In Re:** Petition to add **pediatric acute neuropsychiatric syndrome (PANS)** to list of adverse medical conditions warranting treatment with medical cannabis, specifically cannabidiol (CBD).

**Recommendation:** Members Liesveld, Richards and Shreck unanimously recommend denial.

**Rationale:**

1. *UpToDate* does not mention cannabis in its only chapter on PANGAS;
2. *PubMed* yields no results when “PANS”, “PANGAS” or “pediatric acute neuropsychiatric syndrome” AND “cannabis” are searched;
3. None of the petitioner’s nine accompanying references to cannabidiol (CBD) as treatment for PANS mention PANS (please correct if wrong);
4. Patient/family-oriented PANS websites (NEPANS, Aspire, etc) do not recommend nor even mention cannabis as treatment;
5. The Iowa Medical Cannabidiol program’s manufacturers and dispensaries do not offer a CBD product without THC;
6. THC can be toxic to developing brains into the third decade of life.
7. High-grade CBD is available as a commodity elsewhere.